

Present: Parr Durr, Diane Damico, Aparna Puri , Heather Gall, Dave Henderson,
Thom Davis, Gene Hanus, Allen Jacobsen
Guest: Sara Peel, Dan Schuster

7:21 PM: Diane called meeting to order

Dave: Third year for submitting for Governor's Award, and the city won for the anaerobic digester! Almost 20% of the electricity used on site is generated from the digester.

Diane: Was there any press coverage?

Dave: Only WBAA called.

Thom: October 20th is the next electronics recycling event on site and at Cumberland Park. The major collection event will be at Cumberland Park. The time is from 10am – 2pm.

Aparna: Will you be able to accommodate the Green Tour? Bus tour should arrive at Oscar Winski around 9:45 am.

Thom: Yes, we will be able to support both events!

Diane: We will send out an announcement to our mailing list about the electronics recycling event at Cumberland Park.

Thom: Will get posters to Sara Peel so that they can be hung with the Green Tour posters.

Allen: Both Denise and Kristen have resigned. Their terms were until 2014 so their replacements will have a year and a half commission. Both of them were commission appointees.

Diane: Is a council appointee and her term will expire in 2013. This is her last formal meeting as a member!!! *Commissioners all cry for a half hour*

Allen: Both Denise, Kristen, and Diane are residents – we can have up to 5 non-residents on the commission.

Diane: We might want to consider an attendance requirement for membership.

Allen: If you think of someone who would be a good commissioner, have them fill out an application form.

Heather: When do we want to make the appointments?

Allen: We should aim for the next meeting. City Council must appoint Diane's replacement.

Sara: Workshop with New Chauncey Housing on October 17th – features the installation of a rain barrel! Also, the eco-champion signs are being distributed. Steering Committee – meets quarterly to talk about projects and the committee makes any decision that needs to be made. As part of the Steering Committee, you help promote events to your contacts. Lindsey Payne represents the Go Greener

Commission on the Education Committee. The next Steering Committee meeting is 3:30 pm on October 24, 2012 at The Depot.

Dave: Smaller version of the Wabash River Cleanup on Saturday, October 27th from 9am – 1pm at Tapawingo Park. Purdue's Green Week is the week of October 22nd.

Diane: Lead discussion on the Greater Lafayette report on improving quality of life. It was written by consultants from Madison, WI (Next Generation Consulting). How can the Go Greener Commission be part of the larger Sustainability Plan?

Dave: If too many groups are formed then we could become diluted.

Diane: We could use more "oomph" in the city!

Parr: Met with Joe Payne regarding putting natural vegetation in Happy Hollow Park to help with erosion and also incorporate an education aspect (e.g., signage). Joe gave the impression that this is something he wants to do anyway, in terms of native vegetation. Parr isn't sure what kind of an impact he had – where does this go from here?

Diane: All members should have something they're interested in and use the Commission as a platform to launch projects and advocate for green practices that we are knowledgeable and passionate about. Also, if the city administration wants research done, we do it! But no one has asked us to do research for them since the two-tiered "pay as you throw" trash collection research we did.

Allen: We are really a group focused on community involvement, education, and outreach.

Dave: Even if we wanted to go to a two-tier trash collection system, we can't implement it with the current billing software that we use – it is too antiquated.

Sara: A sign is planned for Happy Hollow's native vegetation by the playground. The Education Committee made the sign, and Happy Hollow got funding from WREC to do the project.

Dan: Earlier in the commission's history, we had an open meeting where residents could voice their concerns about projects they wanted to see done in the community. Maybe this would be something we should do again.

Heather: Will be presenting on composting at the New Chauncey Housing Workshop: 279 Littleton, West Lafayette. Falon and Sara will also be presenting.

Diane: Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Thom: Seconded the adjournment.